

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5292.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, and 2,698 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on national mortgage servicing standards, after receiving testimony from Jack Hopkins, CorTrust Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Faith Schwartz, HOPE NOW Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Couch, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Birmingham, Alabama; and Peter P. Swire, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus.

### ENHANCING REACTOR SAFETY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Sub-

committee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety to examine a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### HEALTH REFORM AND HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health reform and health insurance premiums, focusing on empowering states to serve consumers, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Steve Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Teresa Miller, Oregon Insurance Division, Salem; and Dan Withrow, CSS Distribution Group, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 2790–2792 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5891.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1466 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### HYDROCEPHALUS TREATMENT IN UGANDA

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing on Hydrocephalus Treatment in Uganda: Leading the Way to Help Children. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### RUSSIAN AND U.S. FIGHT AGAINST ALCOHOLISM

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission received a briefing on Russian-United States cooperation in the fight against alcoholism, focusing on prospects for sharing experience, strength, and hope on treating alcoholism from Margaret Murray, Director, International Research Program, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health; and Eugene Zubkov, House of Hope on a Hill, and Heidi Brown, Kroll Associates, both of New York, New York.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the housing finance system, focusing on the to-be-announced market, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine debt financing in the domestic financial sector, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1024, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 1090, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee, S. 1144, to amend the Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2006 to extend the reduced royalty rate for soda ash, S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, and S. 1344, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take immediate action to recover ecologically and economically from a catastrophic wildfire in the State of Arizona, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine responding to drought and famine in the Horn of Africa, 10 a.m., SD-419.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

\* \* \* All previously scheduled hearings have been postponed.